

Midland, Texas, and District 11 in Texas, and I am proud to be his Congressman and call him my friend.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET CUTTING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, despite rising college tuition costs and rigid standards of the so-called No Child Left Behind Act, the Republican budget makes the largest cuts to education in 10 years.

It cuts \$15 billion from education that was promised: 3.7 million children in our country will be denied help with reading and math; 2 million will be denied after-school programs that offer a safe place to play and learn. But the majority does not stop with just broken promises.

Their budget eliminates funding for Safe and Drug-Free Schools, eliminates funding for vocational education, eliminates programs that help ensure high-risk students can attend college, and eliminates 36 programs that help teachers and students succeed. They drastically cut Pell Grants and Perkins loans that American families need to help afford college.

Republicans are risking our children's future to pay for more tax breaks for the wealthy few. The promise to our children's education must be kept. This budget must be rejected.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN LEONARDI

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I ask you and all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brian Leonardi on his recent acceptance of a full football scholarship to Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

Brian is the 18-year-old son of my niece, Allyson Leonardi, and Ed Leonardi. He played linebacker for Aiken High School Hornets, and for 2 years he and his teammates advanced to the semifinals of the 4-A State playoffs. Brian was chosen this year to play for the North squad in an annual all-star game in Conway, South Carolina.

His parents, sister Megan and brother Danny are very proud of his accomplishments, as are his Uncle Doug and Aunt Cindy, but I think the happiest and most excited of all are my brother Bill Gingrey and sister-in-law Gail, who are the fortunate grandparents of this outstanding young man.

Brian's Congressman, GRESHAM BARRETT, and I join our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to say Godspeed, Brian. Study hard and play well.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Madam Speaker, the sun is shining a little brighter in the great Free State of Maryland. Today, I rise to join my colleague STENY HOYER in offering exuberant congratulations to the University of Maryland women's basketball team on winning the NCAA national basketball championship. In winning the championship, they had to overcome a very fine and very tough team from Duke University.

Hats off to Coach Brenda Frese, starters Crystal Langhorne, Laura Harper, Marissa Coleman, Shay Duron, Kristi Toliver and the rest of the team, the assistant coaches, managers and the tremendous fans of the University of Maryland. You have made us all proud in the State of Maryland.

You are a particular inspiration to all the young women around the country, like my 11-year-old daughter Gabriel, who have become tremendous fans of women's basketball.

Today, all of Maryland salutes the University of Maryland's women's basketball team. Go, Terps.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as complex as illegal immigration may be, I think the House got the logic right dealing with the issue. Illegal immigration needs to be split into two separate, but equally important, issues, first being security enforcement.

Once the first portion is set and in place, the time will be right for Congress to come back and address the second part, which deals with illegal workers. While they contribute in positive ways to our society, unfortunately, because they are here illegally, they place burdens on our job market, our educational system and our health care costs, burdens that are shouldered by hardworking American taxpayers.

My advice to the other Chamber is listen to the American people. They are tired of their elected officials turning the other cheek and playing politics with the ideals on which this country was founded and the security of our Nation. They want us to plug the holes and stop the flow of illegal immigrants before we do anything else.

It is time we listened. It is time we stop illegal immigration.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET ON WOMEN MILITARY RETIREES

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I want the women who have served in uniform to know one thing. Some of us in Congress understand your struggle, and we are fighting for you.

Shockingly, the Republican budget adopts significant increases to out-of-pocket costs for our women retirees who depend on the TRICARE program for their health care.

Managed care enrollment fees for senior enlisted women retirees would double, and those for retired female officers would triple.

I have serious doubts about the validity of any projected cost savings from these fee increases. It is insulting to even think of shifting such costs onto the backs of the brave women who have sacrificed so much and so selflessly.

Moreover, this budget sends a terrible message to our past and present servicewomen at a time when we should be doing all that we can to appreciate and to reward their contributions.

The United States made a promise to these women and to every woman before them who has worn the uniform. This Nation promised to take care of them, and the Republican budget just does not fulfill that promise.

IMMIGRATION REFORM A MUST

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, we have all seen the recent protests around the country by thousands of people demonstrating in the streets. However, the fundamental issue that we are dealing with is illegal immigration, and we must not forget that.

No one has a problem with those who have come to this country legally, respected our laws and become U.S. citizens. That is part of the American Dream. What we are talking about are the millions who cross our borders illegally and now demand to be treated as citizens.

American goodwill, in education, in health care and in government services, is being abused by those who do not go through the legal process of citizenship, and that does not add up, Madam Speaker. That is not the American way.

There are serious problems with our current immigration policies. Benign neglect over the last 20 to 30 years has led us to this state of crisis, and we must fix it. Our constituents appropriately demand that we fix it, and Congress has that opportunity, and we must not let it pass us by.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

(Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)